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In re application of) DECISION ON REQUEST
William T. Hamrick) FOR WITHDRAWAL OF
Serial Number: 09/768,964) ATTORNEY
Filed: January 24, 2001)
For: PORTABLE COVERED WALKWAY)
UNIT AND METHOD FOR)
CONSTRUCTING A COVERED)
WALKWAY PATH)

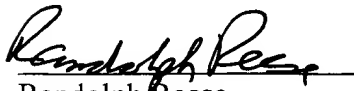
This is a decision on the request filed on May 03, 2002, under 37 C.F.R. 1.36 and MPEP 402.06, requesting permission for withdrawal as the attorney from the above-identified application. Since the requirements of the MPEP Section 402.06 have not been met, the request is DISAPPROVED.

Under 37 CFR 1.36 an attorney may withdraw only upon application to and approval by the Commissioner. It should be noted that a withdrawal is effective when approved, not when filed. Further if 37 CFR 10.40(b) is not applicable, a practitioner may not request permission to withdraw unless certain conditions exist as enumerated in subsection (1)-(6) of 37 CFR 10.40(c).

The request to withdraw as attorney is not accepted in the above-identified application because it is not clear if Sara A. Schifino, who was named in the original power of attorney but not named in the withdrawal, is to be retained as the sole attorney of record.

Further, it is not clear to what address official correspondence relating to the application should be sent since it cannot be determined if Sara A. Schifino is currently associated with firm of Holland & Knight.

Accordingly, the request is **DISAPPROVED**.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Randolph Reese", is written over a horizontal line.

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